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SECRET/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY 50X1-HUM SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT Albania COUNTRY 14 October 1953 DATE DISTR. Officers from the Soviet SUBJECT Armed Forces in Vlone NO. OF PAGES RD REQUIREMENT NO. DATE OF INFO. 50X1-HUM.∉ REFERENCES PLACE ACQUIRED THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE. 50X1-HUM (FOR KEY SEE REVERSE) Between the 1st and 15th of September about 20 officers from the Soviet Army, Navy, and Air Force arrived at Vlone, in two groups, by government vehicle; they probably came from Tirana. The officers were of 50X1-HUM field grade, mostly Colonels. The group of officers, accompanied by 4 Albanian civilians, went twice each day from the former Cambino hotel to a restricted area in the port. The group wa50X1-HUM the group was giving "examinations". reported as being still in Vlone as of the 4th of October. 50X1-HUM Comment: Although there are many reasons why officers of all arms 50X1-HUM could be meeting in Vlone which is the Headquarters of the Albanian Navy, one of the most likely would be for combined maneuvers against seaborne invasion or against passage of the Straits of Otranto. 50X1-HUM

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